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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to the amendment filed on November 21, 2006.
2. **Claims 1-27** are pending.
3. **Claims 1, 4-12, 16-19, 21, 22, and 24-26** have been amended.
4. The objections to the drawings are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the specification and drawings.
5. The objections to the specification due to informalities are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the specification. It is noted that Applicant did not address the objection to the specification regarding the use of trademarks. Therefore, the objection regarding the use of trademarks is maintained and further explained below.
6. The objections to Claims 1, 4-12, 16-19, 21, 22, and 24 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims. However, the objections to Claims 25 and 26 regarding informalities are maintained and further explained below.
7. The 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection of Claim 12 is withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims.
8. The 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of Claims 8, 9, 12, 15, and 16 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims. However, the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of Claims 10, 11, and 27 regarding the use of trademarks are maintained and further explained below.
9. The 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections of Claims 12-18 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments to the claims.

Response to Amendment

Specification

10. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- The specification contains a typographical error: the article “a” should be changed to “an” in the phrase “... to locate an available node that comprises a XSL style sheet or XML template ...” on page 5, paragraph [0015].

Appropriate correction is required.

11. The use of trademarks, such as JAVA, J2EE, IBM, and JAVASERVER, has been noted in this application. Trademarks should be capitalized wherever they appear (capitalize each letter OR accompany each trademark with an appropriate designation symbol, e.g., TM or ®) and be accompanied by the generic terminology (use trademarks as adjectives modifying a descriptive noun, e.g., “the JAVA programming language”).

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner, which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

Claim Objections

12. **Claims 1-27** are objected to because of the following informalities:

- **Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 15, and 16** recite the limitation “said coding module.” Applicant is advised to change this limitation to read “said suitable coding module” for the purpose of providing it with proper explicit antecedent basis.

- **Claims 2-5, 10, and 11** depend on Claim 1 and, therefore, suffer the same deficiency as Claim 1.
- **Claim 9** depends on Claim 6 and, therefore, suffers the same deficiency as Claim 6.
- **Claim 8** depends on Claim 7 and, therefore, suffers the same deficiency as Claim 8.
- **Claims 13 and 14** depend on Claim 12 and, therefore, suffer the same deficiency as Claim 12.
- **Claims 17 and 18** depend on Claim 15 and, therefore, suffer the same deficiency as Claim 15.
- **Claim 14** contains a typographical error: Claim 14 should depend on Claim 13, not Claim 12, since Claim 13 provides antecedent basis for the limitation “said OML.”
- **Claim 19** contains a typographical error: the limitation “a computational grid have at least one node” should presumably read “a computational grid having at least one node.”
- **Claim 19** recites the limitation “said node.” Applicant is advised to change this limitation to read “said at least one node” for the purpose of providing it with proper explicit antecedent basis.
- **Claims 20-27** depend on Claim 19 and, therefore, suffer the same deficiency as Claim 19.
- **Claim 22** contains a typographical error: Claim 22 should depend on Claim 21, not Claim 19, since Claim 21 provides antecedent basis for the limitation “said OML.”
- **Claims 25 and 26** recite the limitation “said description” in the preamble. Applicant is advised to change this limitation to read “said application description” for the purpose of providing it with proper explicit antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

13. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

14. **Claims 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 22, and 27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 10, 11, and 27 contain the trademarks or trade names IBM, WEBSPHERE, and JAVA. When a trademark or trade name is used in a claim as a limitation to identify or describe a particular material or product, the claim does not comply with the requirements of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. *Ex parte Simpson*, 218 USPQ 1020 (Bd. App. 1982). The claim scope is uncertain since the trademark or trade name cannot be used properly to identify any particular material or product. A trademark or trade name is used to identify a source of goods, and not the goods themselves. Thus, the use of a trademark or trade name in a claim to identify or describe a material or product would not only render a claim indefinite, but would also constitute an improper use of the trademark or trade name.

Claims 14 and 22 recite the limitation "said OML." There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims. In the interest of compact prosecution, the Examiner

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subsequently interprets this limitation as reading “an OML” for the purpose of further examination.

Claims 17 and 18 recite the limitation “said object template” in the preamble. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims. In the interest of compact prosecution, the Examiner subsequently interprets this limitation as reading “said coding module” for the purpose of further examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

15. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

16. **Claims 1-9 and 11-26** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Hejlsberg et al. (US 2004/0088688).

As per **Claim 1**, Hejlsberg et al. disclose:

- generating a description of an application (*see Figure 2: 200; Paragraph [0006]*, “...
a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is authored by a user or a design

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tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML. Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ...”);

- *providing said description to a web service (see Paragraphs [0017], “Blueprints allow the ASP.NET markup-and-code paradigm to be extended to other domains such as user interfaces, database mapping, web services, and compiled extensible stylesheet language (XSL) transforms.” and [0087], “The present invention can be applied to a wide variety of technologies, such as ... web services ...”);*

- *parsing said description by said web service (see Paragraph [0035], “Upon receiving the blueprint 200, the blueprint translator 210 parses the blueprint (using, e.g., an XML parser) ...”);*

- *locating a suitable coding module on a node contained within a computational grid (see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example.”);*

- *supplying said description to said node (see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example.”);*

- *applying said description to said suitable coding module to generate an output object (see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM)*

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for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example.”); and

- returning said output object (*see Paragraph [0035], “The source code 220 may access or point to a supporting framework or class library 230.”*).

As per **Claim 2**, the rejection of **Claim 1** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said suitable coding module comprises a plurality of coding modules (*see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing.”*).

As per **Claim 3**, the rejection of **Claim 2** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said plurality of coding modules is located on a plurality of nodes within a computational grid (*see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing.”*).

As per **Claim 4**, the rejection of **Claim 1** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said description is generated using Object Meta Language (OML) (*see Paragraph [0006], “... a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is*

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authored by a user or a design tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML. Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ...").

As per **Claim 5**, the rejection of **Claim 4** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said OML is an eXtensible Markup Language (XML) dialect (*see Paragraph [0006], "... a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is authored by a user or a design tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML. Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ...").*

As per **Claim 6**, the rejection of **Claim 1** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said suitable coding module is an XML template (*see Paragraph [0047], "In addition, the framework defines a file extension, .dbml, and includes a blueprint translator that can translate .dbml files containing XML-formatted mapping descriptions into source code that targets the framework. ").*

As per **Claim 7**, the rejection of **Claim 1** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said suitable coding module is an eXtensible Stylesheet Language (XSL) style sheet (*see Paragraph [0017], "Blueprints allow the ASP.NET markup-and-code paradigm*

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to be extended to other domains such as user interfaces, database mapping, web services, and compiled extensible stylesheet language (XSL) transforms."

As per **Claim 8**, the rejection of **Claim 7** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- parsing said description to locate at least one variable (*see Paragraph [0048], "... mapping the Customers table in the database to a Customer class in the Northwind namespace. Further details of the mapping include the CustomerID column that maps to an Id property, the ContactName column that maps to a Name property, etc."*); and
- substituting said at least one variable with at least one replacement variable, wherein said at least one replacement variable is the result of an XML/XSL transform (*see Paragraphs [0048], "... the blueprint calls for an Orders collection to be generated in the Customer class based on the relation between the Customer and Order classes described in the <relation> element."* and [0050], "A blueprint like the one set forth above would typically be generated by a database design tool, but it could also be authored manually or created by an XML transformation.").

As per **Claim 9**, the rejection of **Claim 6** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- parsing said description to locate at least one variable (*see Paragraph [0048], "... mapping the Customers table in the database to a Customer class in the Northwind namespace.*

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Further details of the mapping include the CustomerID column that maps to an Id property, the ContactName column that maps to a Name property, etc.”); and

- substituting said at least one variable with at least one replacement variable, wherein said at least one replacement variable is stored in said XML template (*see Paragraphs [0048], “... the blueprint calls for an Orders collection to be generated in the Customer class based on the relation between the Customer and Order classes described in the <relation> element.” and [0050], “A blueprint like the one set forth above would typically be generated by a database design tool, but it could also be authored manually or created by an XML transformation.”).*

As per **Claim 11**, the rejection of **Claim 6** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said output object is a Java™ file (*see Paragraph [0051]*).

As per **Claim 12**, Hejlsberg et al. disclose:

- generating a description of an application (*see Figure 2: 200; Paragraph [0006], “... a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is authored by a user or a design tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML. Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ...”*);

- providing said description to a web service (*see Paragraphs [0017], “Blueprints allow the ASP.NET markup-and-code paradigm to be extended to other domains such as user interfaces, database mapping, web services, and compiled extensible stylesheet language (XSL)*

transforms.” and [0087], “The present invention can be applied to a wide variety of technologies, such as ... web services ...”);

- parsing said description by said web service (*see Paragraph [0035], “Upon receiving the blueprint 200, the blueprint translator 210 parses the blueprint (using, e.g., an XML parser) ...”);*

- locating a suitable coding module on a node contained within a computational grid (*see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example.”);*

- supplying said description to said node (*see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example.”);*

- applying said description to said suitable coding module to generate an output object (*see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example.”); and*

- returning said output object (*see Paragraph [0035], “The source code 220 may access or point to a supporting framework or class library 230.”).*

As per **Claim 13**, the rejection of **Claim 12** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said description comprises Object Meta Language (OML) (*see Paragraph [0006], "... a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is authored by a user or a design tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML. Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ... "*).

As per **Claim 14**, the rejection of **Claim 12** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein an OML is an eXtensible Markup Language (XML) dialect (*see Paragraph [0006], "... a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is authored by a user or a design tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML. Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ... "*).

As per **Claim 15**, the rejection of **Claim 12** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said suitable coding module is an XML template (*see Paragraph [0047], "In addition, the framework defines a file extension, .dbml, and includes a blueprint translator that can translate .dbml files containing XML-formatted mapping descriptions into source code that targets the framework. "*).

As per **Claim 16**, the rejection of **Claim 12** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said suitable coding module is an eXtensible Stylesheet Language (XSL) style sheet (*see Paragraph [0017], "Blueprints allow the ASP.NET markup-and-code paradigm to be extended to other domains such as user interfaces, database mapping, web services, and compiled extensible stylesheet language (XSL) transforms."*).

As per **Claim 17**, the rejection of **Claim 15** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- parsing said description to locate at least one variable (*see Paragraph [0048], "... mapping the Customers table in the database to a Customer class in the Northwind namespace. Further details of the mapping include the CustomerID column that maps to an Id property, the ContactName column that maps to a Name property, etc."*); and

- substituting said at least one variable with at least one replacement variable, wherein said at least one replacement variable is the result of an XML/XSL transform (*see Paragraphs [0048], "... the blueprint calls for an Orders collection to be generated in the Customer class based on the relation between the Customer and Order classes described in the <relation> element."* and [0050], "A blueprint like the one set forth above would typically be generated by a database design tool, but it could also be authored manually or created by an XML transformation.").

As per **Claim 18**, the rejection of **Claim 15** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- parsing said description to locate at least one variable (*see Paragraph [0048], "... mapping the Customers table in the database to a Customer class in the Northwind namespace. Further details of the mapping include the CustomerID column that maps to an Id property, the ContactName column that maps to a Name property, etc."*); and
- substituting said at least one variable with at least one replacement variable, wherein said at least one replacement variable is stored in said XML template (*see Paragraphs [0048], "... the blueprint calls for an Orders collection to be generated in the Customer class based on the relation between the Customer and Order classes described in the <relation> element."* and [0050], *"A blueprint like the one set forth above would typically be generated by a database design tool, but it could also be authored manually or created by an XML transformation."*).

As per **Claim 19**, Hejlsberg et al. disclose:

- an input terminal for inputting an application description (*see Figure 1: 110*);
- a computational grid having at least one node (*see Paragraph [0035], "... a Document Object Model (DOM) ..."*);
- a web service for supplying said application description to said at least one node (*see Paragraph [0087], "The present invention can be applied to a wide variety of technologies, such as ... web services ..."*); and
- a coding module residing on said at least one node, wherein said coding module generates an object from said description (*see Paragraph [0035], "... provides the parsed*

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blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example.”).

As per **Claim 20**, the rejection of **Claim 19** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said coding module comprises a plurality of coding modules (*see Paragraph [0035], “... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing.”*).

As per **Claim 21**, the rejection of **Claim 19** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said application description is generated using Object Meta Language (OML) (*see Paragraph [0006], “... a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is authored by a user or a design tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML. Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ... ”*).

As per **Claim 22**, the rejection of **Claim 19** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein an OML is an eXtensible Markup Language (XML) dialect (*see Paragraph [0006], “... a file, such as a database mapping description or declaration, is authored by a user*

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or a design tool in a particular data language in which a format can be defined, such as XML.

Such an exemplary file is referred to as a blueprint ...").

As per **Claim 23**, the rejection of **Claim 19** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said coding module is an XML template (*see Paragraph [0047], "In addition, the framework defines a file extension, .dbml, and includes a blueprint translator that can translate .dbml files containing XML-formatted mapping descriptions into source code that targets the framework."*).

As per **Claim 24**, the rejection of **Claim 19** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- wherein said coding module is an eXtensible Stylesheet Language (XSL) style sheet (*see Paragraph [0017], "Blueprints allow the ASP.NET markup-and-code paradigm to be extended to other domains such as user interfaces, database mapping, web services, and compiled extensible stylesheet language (XSL) transforms."*).

As per **Claim 25**, the rejection of **Claim 24** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- parsing said description to locate at least one variable (*see Paragraph [0048], "... mapping the Customers table in the database to a Customer class in the Northwind namespace.*

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Further details of the mapping include the CustomerID column that maps to an Id property, the ContactName column that maps to a Name property, etc.”); and

- substituting said at least one variable with at least one replacement variable, wherein said at least one replacement variable is the result of an XML/XSL transform (*see Paragraphs [0048], “... the blueprint calls for an Orders collection to be generated in the Customer class based on the relation between the Customer and Order classes described in the <relation> element.” and [0050], “A blueprint like the one set forth above would typically be generated by a database design tool, but it could also be authored manually or created by an XML transformation.”).*

As per **Claim 26**, the rejection of **Claim 23** is incorporated; and Hejlsberg et al. further disclose:

- parsing said description to locate at least one variable (*see Paragraph [0048], “... mapping the Customers table in the database to a Customer class in the Northwind namespace. Further details of the mapping include the CustomerID column that maps to an Id property, the ContactName column that maps to a Name property, etc.”); and*

- substituting said at least one variable with at least one replacement variable, wherein said at least one replacement variable is stored in said XML template (*see Paragraphs [0048], “... the blueprint calls for an Orders collection to be generated in the Customer class based on the relation between the Customer and Order classes described in the <relation> element.” and [0050], “A blueprint like the one set forth above would typically be generated by a database design tool, but it could also be authored manually or created by an XML transformation.”).*

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

17. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

18. **Claims 10 and 27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hejlsberg et al. (US 2004/0088688) in view of Burke et al. (US 6,789,252).

As per **Claim 10**, the rejection of **Claim 1** is incorporated; however, Hejlsberg et al. do not disclose:

- wherein said web service is IBM® WebSphere®.

Burke et al. disclose:

- wherein said web service is IBM® WebSphere® (*see Column 33: 23-36, "IBM WebSphere 2.0 Standard Edition ..."*).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Burke et al. into the teaching of Hejlsberg et al. to include wherein said web service is IBM® WebSphere®. The modification would be obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to support enterprise Java™ open standards.

As per **Claim 27**, the rejection of **Claim 19** is incorporated; however, Hejlsberg et al. do not disclose:

- wherein said web service is IBM® WebSphere®.

Burke et al. disclose:

- wherein said web service is IBM® WebSphere® (*see Column 33: 23-36, "IBM WebSphere 2.0 Standard Edition ..."*).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Burke et al. into the teaching of Hejlsberg et al. to include wherein said web service is IBM® WebSphere®. The modification would be obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to support enterprise Java™ open standards.

Response to Arguments

19. Applicant's arguments filed on November 21, 2006 have been fully considered, but they are not persuasive.

In the remarks, Applicant argues that:

a). With regard to Claims 10, 11 and 27, MPEP section 608.01 (v) states "if the product to which the trademark refers is set forth in such language that its identity is clear, the examiners are authorized to permit the use of the trademark if it is distinguished from common descriptive nouns from capitalization. If the trademark has a fixed and definite meaning, it constitutes sufficient identification". In Claims 10, 11 and 27, each trademark used (specifically IBM

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Webshere (sic) and Java file) are clearly identified in the specification, and each has a fixed and defined meaning to one of ordinary skill in the arts. IBM Webshere (sic) is a fixed and defined web service (described in the specification in paragraph [0011]), and a Java file is a fixed and defined file known to be written in the Java language.

Examiner's response:

a) Regarding the instant application, the trademark IBM is used to describe a particular computer technology corporation, the trademark WEBSPHERE is used to describe a particular web service, and the trademark JAVA is used to describe a particular programming language.

If the trademark or trade name is used in a claim as a limitation to identify or describe a particular material or product, the claim does not comply with the requirements of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. *Ex parte Simpson*, 218 USPQ 1020 (Bd. App. 1982). The claim scope is uncertain since the trademark or trade name cannot be used properly to identify any particular material or product. In fact, the value of a trademark would be lost to the extent that it became descriptive of a product, rather than used as an identification of a source or origin of a product. Thus, the use of a trademark or trade name in a claim to identify or describe a material or product would not only render a claim indefinite, but would also constitute an improper use of the trademark or trade name.

In the remarks, Applicant argues that:

b) Hejlsberg does not teach or suggest the presently claimed steps of locating a suitable coding module on a node contained within a computational grid and supplying said description

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(before being processed) to the located node for processing. In Hejlsberg, all processing is done locally at the blueprint translator without any search for or transfer to a node on a computational grid. These steps are important to the present claimed invention as the present invention is directed towards taking advantage of the combined power of a computational grid. Hejlsberg never mentions locating a suitable coding module on a node, whether the node is within a computational grid or not. In fact, Hejlsberg is completely silent on the concept of a computational grid. Locating a node within a computational grid is specifically claimed in each of the independent claims of the present invention and patentably defines the present invention as novel over the prior art including Hejlsberg.

Examiner's response:

b) Examiner disagrees. Hejlsberg et al. clearly teach or suggest the presently claimed steps of locating a suitable coding module on a node contained within a computational grid and supplying said description (before being processed) to the located node for processing (*see Paragraph [0035], "... provides the parsed blueprint to a Document Object Model (DOM) for further processing. The output of the DOM is provided to a semantic analyzer and code generator. Source code 220 is thereby generated in accordance with predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules, for example."*).

Note that the Document Object Model (DOM) is the claimed computational grid containing nodes with coding modules. Hejlsberg et al. disclose that the DOM is used for further processing of the blueprint, which indicates that a suitable coding module on a node is located

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within DOM and that source code is generated according to predetermined schemas, patterns, and/or hierarchical rules.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Qing Chen whose telephone number is 571-270-1071. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen, can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

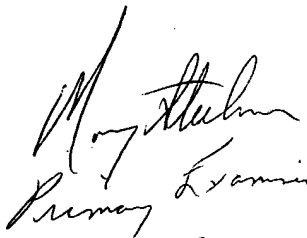
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